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Memorandum

DATE: September 23, 2021

TO: Luly Massaro

Clerk, Public Utilities Commission

FROM: Joel A. Munoz

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SUBJECT: RIPUC Docket No. 5186, Electric Lightwave d/b/a Allstream

Class I – Application for Public Convenience and Necessity

In accordance with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission's ("Commission") generic docket "Entry Requirements for Telecommunication Carriers" Report and Order in Docket 2411, Electric Lightwave d/b/a Allstream ("Electric Lightwave") filed a letter and supporting documents on September 20, 2021, notifying the Commission that they intend on serving as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier ("CLEC"), Class I: Competitive Access Provider, within the State of Rhode Island.

The Commission, under guidelines in Docket 2411, shall grant authority for CLEC status upon the following guidelines.

1. The applicant has satisfactorily provided a Statement of Business Operations in accordance with the Report and Order in Docket No. 2129, and a map or statement of the geographical area or areas in which service will be offered.

The required information has been provided by Electric Lightwave and has been reviewed by the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("Division") and found to be complete.

2. That the applicant meets the standard for financial resources, managerial qualifications and technical competence.

The required information has been provided by Electric Lightwave and has been reviewed by the Division and found to be complete.

3. That the CLEC has specified whether it intends to offer its service to wholesale/retail customers that request local exchange service.

Electric Lightwave intends to provide telecommunications to all Rhode Island wholesale/retail ratepayers that qualify for their services.

4. That the CLEC has paid the appropriate application fees.

The correct fee of \$300.00 (check #2926) was received and deposited.

Conformity with Docket 2411

The Division has reviewed the Electric Lightwave filing, letters, documents and tariffs for their conformity to the Commission's directives in Docket 2411 and has found that the Electric Lightwave has fulfilled all requirements. The tariffs will be reviewed by the Division and ruled upon by the Commission before commencement of operations within the state.

Recommendation

The Division supports this application for registration as a CLEC Class I: Competitive Access Provider in the State of Rhode Island.